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A PERSONAL NOTE: If anyone wants information in HA, please e-mail me the exact wording if you can. I can then paste it right in the newsletter. Of course I will accept information in regular mail from everyone else.

THIRD REVISED ULTIMATE HISTORY: Just a reminder that this book was originally written in 1992 and is the first and original book listing Network radio programming and the shows that are in circulation.

The First Supplement to the third edition is off the press. Cost is \$5.00 plus \$1.25 P & H.

The 2005 “3rd Revised Ultimate History” is \$56 including P&H. which includes the First Supplement. If you bought any of my earlier editions, the cost is \$46 including P&H. Please send new information when you can for the second supplement. I will need the information by October 1, 2007.

CONVENTION 2007: This is our 32nd convention. Dates are Oct 18 – 21, 2007 at the Holiday Inn, Newark, NJ. Our web site will keep you up to date. Note web site: <<http://www.fotr.net>>.

CONVENTION 2006: 2006 Convention booklets are available for \$2.00 including P&H. There are guests bios and pictures.

All of the sessions were video recorded by Satellite Media Production. You may order them as a complete set or by individual sessions. Please contact Fred Berney at Satellite Media Productions, P.O. Box 638, Walkersville, MD 21793-0638. Phone 800-747-0856. E-mail: fsberney@verizon.net.

Last year, Ellen and Fred Berney prepared 2 DVD's of the past 30 conventions. Cost is \$20 plus \$5.00 P&H. Send to Satellite Media Productions.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: A complete list of publications mentioned with addresses, contact people, etc. is one of the introductory pages in my current Ultimate History. It is also part of a small package mailed with your first Hello Again. If you don't have one, e-mail me for it and I will e-mail it to you. If you don't have e-mail, please send me a SASE for it; **RLL On the Air**, Summer; article about Bing Crosby in 1929; **RCA Newsletter**, Jul; interview with Bob Elliott; **Radio Recall**, August; articles about cities that originated radio shows; Phyl Coe Mysteries; **Jot 'em Down Journal**, Summer (last issue); articles about Ralph and Elsie Mae Emerson; also Ray Erlenborn; **Jack Benny times**, Sep – Dec, 2007; interview with Ray Erlenborn on 2004; he did the sound effects for the Jack Benny television shows.

BOOKS: (Most books can also be purchased at <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/>, <Amazon.com> or <Barnesandnoble.com>). **Greenwood Publishing Group** (Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881) has published many bio-bibliographies in the performing arts. James Robert Parish is the series editor. Over 80 have been published. For a list or to order call 1-800-225-5800 or 1-203-226-3571; -Many books are from **McFarland**; 1-800-253-2187; Web (www.mcfarlandpub.com) and **Bear Manor Media**, Box 71426, Albany, GA 31708 <Bearmanormedia.com> **Book Hunter Press**, Box 193, Yorktown Hts., NY 10598 (www.bookhunterpress.com/radio); -**Martin Grams (OTR Publishing)**, Box 252, Churchville, MD. 21028; (717) 456-6208 <www.martingrams.com>; **Scarecrow Press**; <scarecrowpress.com> 1-800-462-6420.

From **Bear Manor Media**; **The Railroad Hour** by Gerald Wilson and Martin Grams, Jr., 2007; \$24.95. all the information you need including detailed description of every episode and short bios of singers.; -from **McFarland**; **the World of Ham Radio, 1901 - 1950: a Social History** by Richard Bartlett;

292 pages; hardcover; 2007; \$55; This book explores the history of ham radio operators, emphasizing their social history and their many contributions to the technological development of worldwide communications.;- from **Scarecrow Press**; **Ethel Waters** by Stephen Bourne; 2007; 176 pages; soft cover; \$24.95; documents the career of Waters in American popular culture; besides her biography, Bourne covers her full career in song, radio, theater, movies and television;-also from **Scarecrow**; **Historical Dictionary of British Radio** by Sean Street; 344 pages; hardcover; 2006; \$80; this thoroughly cross-referenced volume provides a broad overview of 85 years of British radio, from the earliest technical breakthroughs to recent developments.

CONVENTIONS:

2nd Annual Mid-Atlantic Nostalgia Convention, Sep 13 – 15, 2007 at Clarion Hotel, Aberdeen, MD; ; Web site is www.midatlanticnostalgiaconvention.com; For information call Michelle or Martin Grams, Jr. at 717-456-6208;

32nd Friends of Old-time Radio Convention, Oct 18 – 21, 2007 at the Holiday Inn, Newark, NJ; For information contact Jay Hickerson, 27436 Desert Rose Ct, Leesburg, FL 34748 (352) 727-6731 <JayHick@aol.com> or check our web site: <http://www.fotr.net>

THE INTERNET: Many of my subscribers are on the Internet. If you want to get on the mailing list for the Old Time Radio Digest (Round table) on the Internet, e-mail to this address: <old.time.radio-request@oldradio.net>...

WEB SITES: Various OTR Web sites will be posted. Most begin with <www.> Let me know what yours is: **Lou Genco** (many collectors have their sites here including Vintage Broadcasts; Ted Davenport; Ed Carr; Fred Berney; Pat McCoy) <old-time.com> **Jim Widner** <otr.com> (**Radio Days**);-**Chuck Schaden** <nostalgia Digest.com> **BRC (Bob Burnham)** <brcradio.com/> **Ted Kneebone** <geocities.com/tkneebone1> **Jerry Haendiges** <otrsite.com/radiolog/index.html> **Australian Film and Sound** <Screensound.gov.au> **Owens Pomeroy (Golden Radio Buffs)** (not www) <members.aol.com/grbmd> **OTR Digest** <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/> **Jack Benny Fan Club** <Jackbenny.org> **Radio Broadcast Chronicles** <gna.net/tia> **Tom Heathwood** <HeritageRadio.com>. **First Generation Archives** <radioarchives.org> (Free subscription) <<http://www.radioarchives.org/newsletter.asp>> **Radio Enthusiasts of Puget Sound** <repsonline.org> **Terry Salomonson** <audio-classic.com> <digitalotr.com> The **OTR Club** now has a web page at <<http://www2.pcom.net/robmcd/otrbuffalo/>> **Doug Kosmonek** <<http://members.shaw.ca/douglkosmonek>> new e-mail is <douglkosmonek@shaw.ca> **Radio Spirits** <radiospirits.com> **The MWOTRC** web site is now operational and can be accessed either by www.mwotrc.com or www.readiorecall.com **Radio Memories (NEW)** www.radiomemories.com...**Ivan G. Shreve, Jr. (Thrilling Days of Yesteryear)** <<http://blogs.salon.com/0003139/>> **Bear Manor Media**, a publishing company (run by Ben Ohmart. Send for their catalog...They have published many OTR books in the last few years. <<http://www.bearmanormedia.com>> **RHAC** web site is <www.rhac.org> **Radio Days** is celebrating its 10th year on the web at <<http://www.otr.com>> **Ron Sayles (births, deaths)** <<http://mywebpage.netscape.com/bogusotr/instant/taz.html>> (also) <<http://otrbirths.blogspot.com/>>

CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS (All addresses first): **McCoy's Recording** (Pat McCoy), Box 1069, Richland, WA 99352 (509) 627-4039 **Jerry Haendiges**, 13808 Sunset Dr., Whittier, CA 90602 <JHaendiges@aol.com> **Radio Memories (Ted Davenport)**, Box 94548, North Little Rock, AR 72190 (888) 357-2346 <tedotr@sbcglobal.net> **Vintage Broadcasts** (Andy Blatt), Box 3257, Milford, CT 06460 (203-783-1923); also 1-866-783-1923; <andy@vintagebroadcasts.com>;**Great American Radio (GAR)** (Gary Kramer), Box 401, Clio, MI 48420 <ga@radio.fm>; **Bequaert Old Books**, Box 775, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447 (603) 585-3448 <www.beqbooks.com>; send 2 34-cents stamps for a catalog of books and magazines on OTR **AVPRO** (Don Aston), Box 1392, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531 (1-888-3328776) **Redmond Nostalgia Co.** (David Kiner), Box 82, Redmond, WA 98073 **SPERDVAC Library** (Box 7177, Van Nuys, CA 91409) **John Barber**, Box 72273., New Orleans, LA 70112 (504) 586-1931 <jbarber@gno.lib.la.us>. **Vintage Audio** (Tom Martin), 461 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 (518) 584-1112 <Thomasmartin245@aol.com> **Satellite Video Production** (Fred Berney) Box 638, Walkersville, MD 21793 (1-800-747-0856) <Berney@fred.net> **BRC Productions** (Bob Burnham), Box 158, Dearborn, MI 48127 <bob@brcbroadcast.com> <www.brcradio.com> **Hello Again Radio** (Bob Burchett), 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042 **Audio Classics Archive** (Terry Salomonson), Box 347, Howell, MI 48844; 1-877-653-8963 (for orders only) <audio-classic.com> **Lodestone** (Richard Fish), 611 Empire Mill

Rd., Bloomington, IN 47401; 1-800-411-6463 <lodestone-media.com> (Deals in New Audio Theater **Ed Carr**, 216 Shaner St., Boyertown, PA 19512 <edcarr@enter.net> **Dan Riedstra**, 2830 North Rockwell St., Chicago, IL 60618 <daniel.riedstra@wcom.com>. **Max Schmid**, Box 3449, Astoria, NY 11103 <mschmid@rcn.com> <www.olderradio.com> **Henry Hinkel**, 254 Florida Avenue, Amsterdam, NY 12010 <www.crabapplesound.com> Danean MacAndrew, P. O. Box 793, Lake Forest, CA, 92609 <www.theradiolady.com> **Heritage Radio Classics**; Tom Heathwood, Box 16, Boston, MA 02167 <www.heritageradio.com> Listen to the Heritage Radio Theatre every Sunday for one week streaming audio: <www.vintageRadioPlace.com/broadcast>

All listings below list sampling of shows. Radio Memories; buy 5 tapes get the 6th free.

MOVIE POSTERS WANTED Serious collector paying TOP \$\$\$ for Movie Posters, Lobby Cards, Window Cards, Movie Photos and Concert Posters. Buying all sizes, any condition. Will Buy entire collections. Finders Fees Paid. "Don't do anything with your posters until you at least talk to me"!! 1-800-392-4050 Ralph DeLuca 157 Park Ave Madison NJ 07940 ralph@ralphdeluca.com

OLD FRIENDS: Peter Tatchell, our Australian friend, now has a web site <www.laughterlog.com>. His e-mail is <ptatchell1@optusnet.com.au>. He has a wide range of episode guides/articles about classic radio and TV shows and also the 2nd edition of Tatchell's guide to BBC Radio Comedy; **Joe Webb** is looking for the Louella Parsons show of 4/22/1951 where she interviews Matt Cvetic, promoting the "I Was a Communist for the FBI" movie. Please contact him at drjoewebb@yahoo.com

IN FOND MEMORY: David Shaw, Jul 27, 90; writer (Cavalcade of America);-**Merve Griffin**, Aug 12, 82; talk-show host, singer tv innovator (many radio shows including Guest Star);-**Phil Rizzuto**, Aug 13, 89; Yankee shortstop (Phil Rizzuto's Sport's Caravan);-**Henry Leff**, Aug 12, 88; actor; (Candy Matson);-Rosa Rio (doing well and still playing organ) sent me this: **Jack Mitchell**, 7/25; 99; editor of radio scripts for ABC; worked with Rosa on My True Story;-**Jane Wyman**, Sep 10, 90; actress (guest on many radio programs)

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Write if you get work; and hang by your thumbs

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CONVENTION 2007: UPDATE # 2

October 18 – 21, 2007

General Information

All information about **Seating, Ads, Registration, Rooms** are on the first update that came with the flyer. **Please pre register.** Those coming for the day will save \$5 a day by pre registering. Also, if you are coming for the day only, you will not have to stand in line and fill out a registration card if you pre register. Don't forget the package prices. Remember: **Those people paying for the day must pay an extra \$10 if they want to stay for the cocktail hour and hors d'oeuvres.** The cocktail hour is for dinner guests only.

If you wish to stay for the re-creations at night and you do not stay for dinner, the cost is \$20.

Guest Changes

Additional Guests: Peg Lynch

Not coming: Kay Armen; Carleton Carpenter; Simon Jones; Bill Idelson

Dealers

There are a few tables left.

Workshops and Re-creations

The complete schedule as of September 10th is enclosed. Re-creation, workshop and panel leaders please take notice. Please make sure that all your participants are aware of the times for rehearsals and performances. If you need anything special, please let me know. If your people need rides, make sure you have made the arrangements.

Raffle

There will be a raffle on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. If you would like to donate prizes, please let me know. We depend on the money received from the raffle and the sale of books, records, tapes, t-shirts and pins at the FOTR table to help pay for the many guests we have at our convention. We also will have tote bags for sale.

We will have a special 30th anniversary DVD and VHS for sale. This was made by the Berneys and has excerpts of previous conventions. This was first on sale at our 30th convention.

Books

Books on sale at the convention as of now follow. If authors are tentatively coming, they are marked by an asterisk (*): Some authors will have their own tables; **Baseball Over the Air** by Tony Silver \$25; **Ethel Waters** by Stephen Bourne \$20; **Gene Autry** by Don Cusic \$38; **Historical Dictionary of British Radio** by Sean Street \$65; **Jimmy Durante** by David Bakish \$25; **Lum and Abner** by Randall Hall \$34; **On the Short Waves** by J Berg \$25; **Orson Welles Remembered** by Peter Tonquette \$25; ***Radio and the Jews** by David and Susan Siegel \$23; ***Radio Scripts in Print** by Susan and Dave Siegel \$15; **Radio Speakers** by Jim Cox \$40; ***Resource Guide to the Golden Age of Radio** by Susan and Dave Siegel \$43; **World of Ham Radio, The** by Richard Bartlett \$40; **The Great Radio Sitcoms** by Jim Cox \$40.

All will be sold at reduced prices as noted.

Also many of Ben Ohmart's books will be for sale at his table run by Martin Grams; Others, such as Martin Gram's, will also be selling their own books.

Let me know by e-mail what books you want so I can have enough.

My Third Revised Ultimate History (Second Supplement) will be for sale. There will be much new information in it.

Hotel

Don't forget to reserve your rooms quickly. They may very soon be all sold out. Use the internet (Travelocity, HolidayInn.com or others) or call 1-800-465-4329. There will probably be a \$15 parking fee per night. also try the Howard Johnson at 973-344-1500. If you are having trouble getting a room for \$99.99 or less, reserve it anyway. It will be the correct price when you arrive.

SCHEDULE – 2007 (Up to date)

All programs in the Lenox/Tiffany Rooms; All re-creations in the Dresden/Lenox/Tiffany Rooms

Readings, meetings in the Ascot Room

Rehearsals in the Dresden Room (All rehearsals are closed unless specified otherwise)

Dealers in Conference and Waterford Rooms

Wednesday: Dealers tables and possibly sound equipment set up at night

Complimentary Wine and cheese from 6 pm to 10 pm.

Thursday: The sound equipment and the stage will be set up. Dealers will be open at 9 am.

10:00 – 11:00	Radio Idol (R Larson, D Zwengler) winner is cast in The re-creation by the Chicago group
11:15 – 12:00	Funny Ladies of OTR; Molly Bee, Shirley Mitchell, Gloria McMillan (Derek Tague)
12:15 – 1:15	Jayne Meadows talks about Steve Allen and herself (B Gari)
1:30 – 2:30	Author's Panel (Martin Grams, Mel Simons, David and Susan Siegel so far)
2:45 – 4:15	Jack Herman presents (Standby, You're on the Air!).
4:30 – 5:30	Frank Bresee Presents an hour of radio nostalgia
5:30 – 8:00	Cocktails and Dinner; raffle
8:00 – 8:45	Those Were the Days Radio Players (Magnificent Montague) (Reh; 1 – 2:30; Reading 11:45 – 12:45)
9:00 – 9:45	Peter Fernandez directs an episode of Suspense he wrote "The Impostors"(Reh; 2:30 – 4:00; Reading 1:15 – 2:15)
10:00 – 10:45	Original Script (Who Killed the Silver Sycrone) (Arthur Anderson); Reh; 4:00 – 5:30; reading 2:45 – 3:45)

Friday Morning and Afternoon

8:45 – 9:30	Movies Depicting Radio (F Berney)
9:45 – 10:30	Writing and Publishing OTR books (S and D Siegel)
10:45 – 11:30	Sportscasters (K Stockinger)
11:45 – 12:30	FDR - Wartime and Radio (G Yoggy)
12:45 – 1:45	Panel - children in radio and television; #3 (G Downes) (so far Buck Biggers, Allen Swift, Nan Warren; Corinne Orr; Gil Stratton; Stuffy Singer; Bob Hastings; Gil Stratton, Jr.
2:00 - 3:00	Vic and Sade retrospective (M Adler, B Schwarz)
3:15 – 4:30	Fifth annual "Funny Friday" comedy Panel (D Tague, M L Wallace);with Mitch Murray; Chuck McCann; Michael Gwynne; Lucie Arnaz; Freddie Roman; Gil Stratton, Jr., others
4:45 – 5:30	Dave Warren Players present My Friend Irma (Rehearsal 3:00 – 4:30; Reading 1:45 – 2:45)

Friday Evening

5:30 – 7:45	Cocktails and Dinner, raffle
8:00 – 8:30	(Re-creation) Gregg Oppenheimer Directs Harry Lime (Rehearsal 12:00 - 1:30; Reading 10:45 – 11:45
8:50 – 9:20	Arthur Anderson directs 2000+ episode of The Brooklyn Brain (Rehearsal 10:30 – 12 Noon; Reading 9:15 - 10:15)
9:40 – 10:10	Frank Bresee directs "A Date with Judy" with all-star cast (Rehearsal 1:30 – 3:00; Reading 12:15 – 1:15)

Saturday Morning and Afternoon

9:00 – 9:45	Radio Bloopers and Out takes (G Oppenheimer)
10:00 – 10:45	Commercials and Jingles with A Anderson and Ed Clute
11:00 – 11:45	X-1 Panel; with George Lefferts
12:00 – 12:45	Gotham Radio Players presents a lost episode of "Light's Out" called "Reunion" (Rehearsal 10:45 – 12:00)
1:00 – 1:45	Jack French presents Copy Cats; with Shirley Eggleston
2:00 – 3:00	Joe Franklin Panel (#3) Marilyn Michaels; Jayne Meadows; Liz Larsen
3:15 - 4:30	Singers, musicians and Big Bands, 11th annual (Stu Weiss, Brian Gari) with possible guests; ; Mitch Murray; Molly Bee; possibly Marilyn Michaels Buck Biggers
4:30 – 5:15	Re-creation: X-1 (Junkyard) Dir by A Tollin involving G Lefferts ; all X-1 cast; (Rehearsal 3:00 – 4:45; Reading 1:00 – 2:00)

Saturday Evening

5:30 – 8:00	Cocktails and Dinner, raffle, awards,
8:30 – 9:00	(Re-creation) Screen Directors Playhouse "Stagecoach" with Chuck McCann; (G Yoggy) (Rehearsal 12:45 – 2:15 Reading 11:15 – 12:15
9:15 – 9:45	Peg Lynch and Arthur Anderson (Ethel and Albert); also Rosemary Rice and Bob Hastings (The Bickersons) if time
10:00 - 10:30	(Re-creation) Anthony Tollin directs Jack Benny with Eddie Carroll and all star cast ; (Rehearsal 9:30 – 10:45 Reading 8:45 – 9:30 am

Sunday Morning

7:00 - 9:30	Breakfast in the restaurant
9:30 – 11:00	Informal Panel in the Dresden Room

Please keep in touch. I will be at the Holiday Inn on Wednesday, October 17 around 12 noon

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